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DEVELOPMENT OF POSTAL ESTATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of plots of land belonging to Postal Department lying vacant and the number of sites in which Post Office building has been completed as on 31st August, 2007 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes any action plan for development of postal estates in the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of various postal estates in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts has 1871 plots of land lying vacant in the country and as on 31st August, 2007 the Department has 4018 completed buildings for the Post Offices.

(b) State-wise number of Departmental plots of land lying vacant is given in Annexure-I. The Postal Circle-wise number of Post Office buildings is given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) There is a proposal for setting up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a wholly owned Company with limited liability, for optimum Development and management of Postal Estates. A draft Cabinet Note on the proposal has been circulated to Planning Commission and various Nodal Ministries/Departments for their views/comments.

(e) Construction on vacant plots is taken up as per the departmental norms and availability of funds.